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SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the four references listed on the attached, copies of which are submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith is a copy of a European Search Report dated December 13, 2002, by which the documents submitted here were brought to applicants' attention. The fifth document listed in the European Search Report, i.e., EP 1058301, has previously been made of record here.

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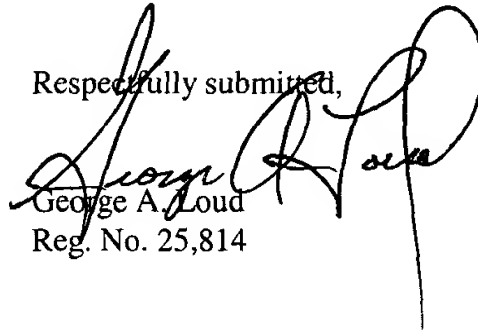
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Respectfully submitted,

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